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## Timely Tidbits ...

### New Publishing Date

Beginning with our next issue, *The Romulus News* will be published every other Thursday instead of every other Friday. Watch for us November 4 and alternate Thursdays thereafter.

### Court Offers Amnesty

The judges of the 34th District Court in Romulus have established a three-day amnesty period during which anyone with outstanding criminal or traffic warrants will be able to waive any late fees and warrant fees that they owe. (This does *not* apply to Secretary of State clearance fees.)

To take advantage of this amnesty period, a person must appear at the court at either 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2; Wednesday, November 3; or Thursday, November 4, and be prepared to pay all other fines and costs that are owed.

### Fireman's Ball

Tickets are still available for the Romulus Fire Department's 43rd annual Fireman's Ball, which will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall (located at 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne) on Saturday, October 23, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. A cost of \$40 per couple or \$20 per individual covers dinner, dancing, and door prizes. For tickets, or for more information, call 734-722-4164.

### Nurse-aid Classes

Increase your earning potential in the health-care field by enrolling in Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education's nurse-aide class, which prepares students to take the State exam to become a Competency Evaluated Nursing Assistant (CENA). The seven-week class—to be held at Romulus High School from 6 to 10 p.m. each Monday through Thursday beginning November 1—is free for adults who are not high-school graduates and who were at least 20 years of age by September 1. All others pay a tuition fee of \$375. Call 734-941-0610. □

## Appeals Court Lifts EDS Injunction



EDS president Doug Wicklund feels vindicated by the Court of Appeals' decision to overturn an injunction against his Wahrman Road well.

By Kristi Stephens

The State of Michigan Court of Appeals has overturned a 1994 Wayne County Circuit Court decision that barred Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), from operating a hazardous-waste deep-injection well, ruling that State law preempted City control over the construction of such facilities.

The legal battle between EDS and the City of Romulus began in October 1993, just two months after EDS had completed drilling and only three weeks before a municipal election in the City of Romulus. At that time, the Romulus City Council initiated a lawsuit to stop EDS' proposed operations, claiming that the company's facility was not a permitted use within the area, which was zoned M-1 (light industrial).

"The City's lawsuit took us completely by surprise," EDS president Doug Wicklund told *The Romulus News* some years ago. "The Mayor, her staff, and the City Council had been aware of our intentions since the project's inception in 1990, yet had never shown the slightest inclination to oppose it. In fact, the City issued a number of permits for construction-related work at the site, and many officials actually toured the site during the drilling process. We even purchased additional land, on the advice of Mayor McAnally, so that the entrance to the facility could be relocated in compliance with Building Department recommendations.

"We were especially shocked when we learned that the City's lawsuit was based on local zoning ordinances," Wicklund continued. "From the beginning, all communication between our company and the City was based on the mutual belief that State statutes clearly preempted local control of the siting and construction of our project. This belief was not based on the assurances of our lawyers alone; then-City attorney Barry Seifman provided the Mayor and City Council with four separate legal opinions concurring with our position."

According to then-senior Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry, the City officials' decision to sue EDS was a politically motivated attempt to assure their reelection in the face of criticism from Romulus resident Mary Collins (whose opposition to the well was the central plank of her own campaign for a Council seat).

## "Blind Pig" Bust Turns Up 4 RPD Officers

Four patrol officers from the Romulus Police Department (RPD) were among approximately 300 people who were present at a northeast Detroit "blind pig" on October 16 when it was raided by undercover officers from the Detroit Police Department (DPD) and the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Among the violations reportedly uncovered by the bust were prostitution, the sale of narcotics, and underage drinking.

Each of the four Romulus officers—along with three DPD officers, a deputy from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, and two Detroit Firefighters Academy students—received a ticket for loitering in a place of illegal occupation. Eight other people were arrested: one for possession of suspected narcotics; the other seven for allegedly operating the blind pig. Only the narcotics charge is a felony.

RPD Executive Lieutenant David Early declined to divulge the names of the four Romulus police officers who were ticketed during the raid, but did comment that all were relatively new to the department.

"An internal investigation is currently underway; in the meantime, all of the officers involved have been suspended with pay," said Early. "If the investigation turns up wrongdoing of any kind, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken."

Although Early could not give a specific deadline for the conclusion of the internal probe, he estimated that it would probably be wrapped up within a couple of weeks.

"The Romulus Police Department will expedite the investigation in a manner that is painstakingly thorough, yet recognizes the officers' right to a timely decision," he concluded. □

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## Letter to the Editor

### Festival Committee Says Thanks

To the Editor:

The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee would like to thank all of the wonderful people whose time and help contributed to the success of this year's festival in so many ways.

It would not have been possible

without each and every one of you.

We hope that all who attended had a lot of fun, and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Sincerely,

The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee □

## Guest Commentary

### Republicans Attack Working Families

By Mark Brewer

In the past few months, Republicans in Washington have been making life difficult for working families across the country. Republicans have opposed raising the minimum wage, spent billions from the Social Security Trust Fund, and want to delay the payment of the Earned Income Tax Credit. These actions affect almost every working family and especially hurt the working poor.

Democrats in the White House, U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House want to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 per hour to \$6.15. This would benefit nearly 12 million American workers. While Democrats fight to help working families, Republicans block progress on a minimum-wage increase. Republican presidential candidates and GOP leaders in Congress are so obsessed with a tax cut for the rich that they don't have time to help working Americans. A report recently released by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) and the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) finds that:

- about seven million women nationally – 12.6% of all working women – would benefit from the pay raise;
- nearly one million single mothers – 85% of whom have household incomes below \$25,000 – would benefit from the hike; and
- employment rates for minimum-wage workers have increased dramatically since the wage was last increased in 1996.

Despite repeated promises that they would no longer raid the Social Security funds for government spending, Republicans in Congress were caught red-handed by one of their own who blew the whistle on the GOP plans to spend billions of dollars from the Social Security Trust Fund to meet their spending goals for the upcoming year. In the new budget analysis, the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, a Republican appointee, demonstrated that Republicans writing next year's spending

bills for government operations have already used billions of dollars beyond what they were supposed to spend under existing budget restrictions. Because the Republicans failed to complete their spending bills by the end of the fiscal year, there is no telling how much more Social Security money Republicans will spend before they finish.

Republicans are looking for creative ways to bankroll future tax cuts for its richest supporters; the latest plan is to delay payment of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This program was started 25 years ago as a way to encourage poor people to work and pay taxes. Both Democrats and Republicans, including Ronald Reagan and Jack Kemp, have supported the EITC. Instead of receiving a single annual payment, Republicans would pay the credit monthly. According to the *New York Times*, the single payment enables working families to pay for things such as tuition or a down payment on a car, but the Republican plan prevents that.

Working families should be outraged. These actions follow a long pattern of risky economic schemes put forth by Republicans. We need a minimum-wage hike and Americans across this land need a Social Security system that will be there in the future. It is time Republicans are held accountable for their damaging actions.

Mark Brewer, Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, can be reached at 517-371-5410.

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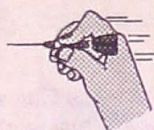
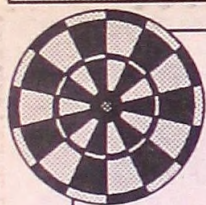
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## Hurst Honored for Developing Service Learning in Schools



Among those who attended a recent celebration of service learning at Romulus City Hall were (from left) Kathy Hurst, Director of Service Learning for Romulus Community Schools; Councilman LeRoy Burcroff; and Richard J. Marsh, Jr., Community Development Director for the City of Romulus.

The Romulus Community Schools' Director of Service Learning, Kathy Hurst, has been selected as a Peer Mentor for the Learn and Serve American Exchange (LSAE). The LSAE is an organization that supports service-learning programs in schools, colleges, universities, and community organizations across the nation through peer-based training and technical assistance.

As a Peer Mentor, Hurst joins an elite group of experienced service-learning professionals who have agreed to volunteer to help others develop service-learning programs.

"Key elements of academic service-learning programs are community service, curriculum connection, and reflection and evaluation," explained Hurst. "When these elements are incorporated into students' lessons, the benefits include development in academic, cognitive, career, and social areas, as well as increased civic responsibility and individual personal growth."

Students involved in service-learning

programs perform a diversity of tasks, such as tutoring other students, working with senior citizens, and assisting with environmental projects.

In the Romulus school district, grant funds have been used for several service-learning projects that enhance community life. These grants include:

- an Eisenhower Higher Education Professional Development Grant (an \$85,000 grant that is being used to expand the use of mathematics concepts in service learning in order to meet the district's needs for increased student achievement in the area of mathematics);
- a Learn and Serve—Michigan Community Based Grant (a \$17,500 grant that will create partnerships between the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation/Romulus Senior-citizens Center and Merriman Elementary/Wick Elementary/Romulus Middle School in order to increase student commitment to civic responsibility through senior-companionship and park-restoration activities); and
- a Learn and Serve—Michigan School Based Grant (a \$29,889 grant to involve 60 sixth-grade students in a two-day leadership camp and eight Merriman Elementary teachers in the creation and execution of a social-studies academic service-learning activity during the 1999–2000 school year).

Eastern Michigan University Professor Dale Rice, who teaches a class in service-learning, recently pointed out the importance of incorporating curricular concepts such as math and science into service-learning activities. He added that Romulus has a strong reputation for service learning throughout the state.

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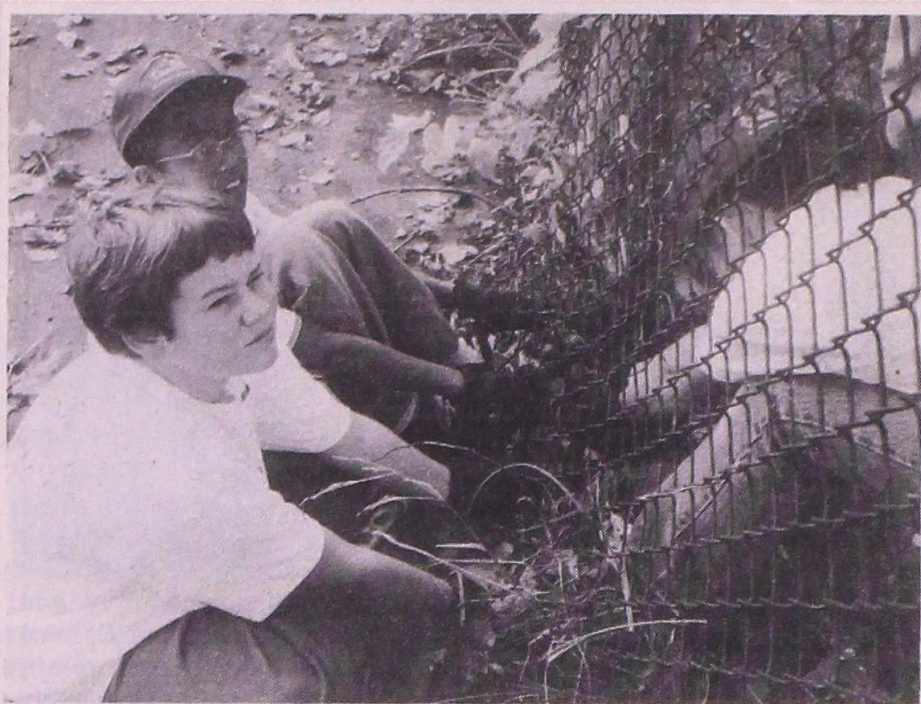
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## Merriman 6th-graders Prepare To Be Community Leaders



(From left) Kyle Hardoin, Ronnie Odom, and Samantha Heitz clean up around Merriman Park's tennis courts.

By Kathy Hurst, Director of Service Learning, Romulus Community Schools

A two-day leadership camp for Merriman Elementary School sixth-graders began early on Friday, September 24. Students reported to their classroom to check in, then proceeded to the Media Center for bagels and juice and a camp T-shirt, hat, and journal. While there, students received an overview of the camp's goals, rules, and agenda from camp facilitators Yvette Austin, Cathy Navetta, Pat Massad, Erika Swegles, and Marietta Mazak.

Gina Carter, Merriman's Intervention Room facilitator, and Marylou Hardoin and Karen Tipton, parent volunteers, also assisted in camp activities.

Within an hour, students were participating in one of the four rotations planned for their camp experience.

### Academic Service-learning Project

Sixth-grade teacher Yvette Austin met with her groups in Merriman Park. In social studies and science, students learn about how man adapts to the land and how man alters the environment. After a brief orientation about the park and the learning objectives, Austin's students set out on an exploration to determine a simple service project that could be performed as a group. Projects ranged from litter collection to removal of a vine that covered the fence around the tennis courts. Students then reflected on their learning by making Play-Doh models that depicted ways they could alter the park's environment to make it a safe, enjoyable place to play.

### Community-service Project

Students cleared overgrown brush, glass, litter, ceramic tiles, and branches from a central area in the park. The clearing of old branches from trees will

create a safer and healthier environment for both the people who use the park and the trees themselves. Bluebird and wren houses were hung at several locations throughout the park. The houses were built by Merriman staff members at a service-learning workshop in August.

### Climate Project

Students compared and contrasted climate as it relates to weather with climate as it relates to a school, a neighborhood, or a community. Students also designed pillow cases to reflect the kind of climate that they want at home, in their school, and in the City of Romulus. Service-learning and community-service projects at Merriman will continue to address climate issues identified by the students.

### School-spirit Project

Students built a float for Romulus High School's Homecoming Parade, 1999.

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## Pokémon Trading Party



(From left) Cameron Davidson and Zachary Williams enjoyed displaying their collectors' cards at Cory Elementary School's "Pokémon Trading Party," held Wednesday, October 13.



Ryan Schutter and his mother, Lisa Schutter, were among more than 150 parents and students who attended the event.



(From left) Jessica Cronk, Ashley Meinicke, and Brandy Richardson also attended the after-school event, which Cory Principal Phyllis Adkins described as an incentive program aimed at keeping the cards out of school during class time.

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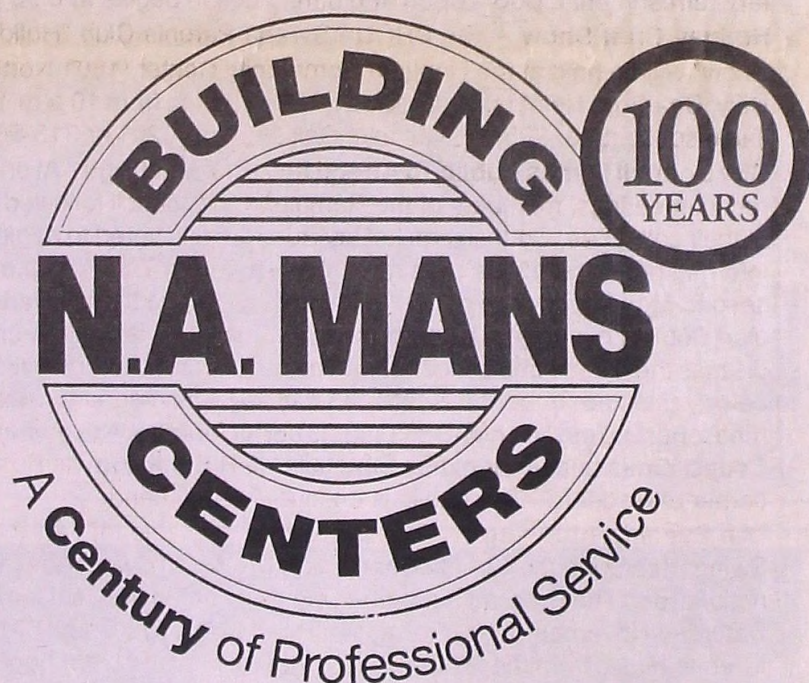


### Cutliff Is Capitol Scholar



On October 5, State Representative Ray Basham invited students (from left) Justin Davenport (Taylor Kennedy High School), Joshua Cutliff (Romulus High), and Mark Pierson (Truman High) to spend a day with him in Lansing for a firsthand lesson in government as "Capitol Scholars."

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If the puzzle is done correctly, the added letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out the name of this prominent local citizen.



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- \_\_\_ ... SARACEN ... insulin-producing organ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... CEDAR ... video-game emporium \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... EARNED ... wander aimlessly \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... ABYSMS ... ambassador's office \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... SCOUT ... *The Day of the* \_\_\_\_\_ (Sutherland/Atherton film) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... OVID ... shun; eschew \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... FINE ... "Mack the \_\_\_\_\_" (Armstrong or Darin tune) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... POISED ... sitcom segment \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... NEEDIER ... Comet, for one \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... DEVIATE ... tranquilizer \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... PACES ... something to do from New York or L.A.? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ ... DELI ... sign of hesitation? \_\_\_\_\_

For solution, see page 12

### YOU'LL FIND IT IN "MUNICIPAL"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters found in MUNICIPAL? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, plurals, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, alternate spellings, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 38 words can be found on page 12



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### Drivers: Do Your Part To Make Halloween Safe!

A safe Halloween night means seeing and being seen for all concerned. Excited children may break the safety rules that they usually follow, and nervous adults, anxious to complete their holiday preparations, may drive home in too big a rush. That's why it's a good idea to remember that safety is a responsibility we all share.

Many of us are used to thinking of Halloween safety in terms of the children: Are their costumes easily visible? Have their treats been carefully checked? But there are other measures that we can take, as well, especially as drivers. Two are particularly important:

- Turn on headlights before dusk because they increase a vehicle's visibility to young eyes.
- Be extra cautious driving in neighborhoods where cars are parked on the street, since they can easily block youngsters from view.

## This Halloween



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## Community Calendar

- **Romulus Athletic Club Hosts Annual Membership Meeting** – The Romulus Athletic Club – "home of the Flyers Junior Football League" – will hold its annual membership meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins). All members are encouraged to attend. For more information about membership requirements, contact Celeste Roscoe (734-942-1107).
- **Preschool Gymnastics** – The Romulus Recreation Department is taking reservations for its preschool gymnastics class (ages three and four), to be held at Romulus High School from 6 to 6:45 p.m. each Tuesday beginning October 26 and ending December 14. Cost for the eight-week session is \$50. Preregistration (at the Recreation office, 36515 Bibbins) is required. For more information, call 734-942-6852.
- **Self-hypnosis Seminars** – Certified hypnotherapist Larry Farrugia will conduct one-day seminars on stress management (November 3), pain reduction (November 10), weight reduction (November 17), and smoking cessation (October 27 and November 24) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins). Registration deadlines are usually the Tuesday before each session; please call the Recreation office (734-942-6852) for details. Cost is \$35 per session.
- **Sauerkraut Supper** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) will host a sauerkraut supper on Thursday, November 4, from 5 p.m. until sold out. Cost is \$8 for adults; \$5 for children ages five to 12; free for children under five. For more information, call the church office at 734-753-9048.
- **Craft Auction** – Huron Countryside Co-operative Nursery (located in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 19109 Craig Street, off Sibley Road, in New Boston) will host its annual craft auction on Thursday, November 4. The event will feature beautiful crafts, door prizes, raffles, and complimentary refreshments. Doors open at 6 p.m.; auction begins at 6:30 p.m.
- **Holiday Craft Show** – The PRCUA Syrena Parents Club "Holiday Craft Show" will be held at the Canfield Community Center (1801 North Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights) on Saturday, November 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Table space (\$23–\$25) is available. Call 313-271-0201 or 313-563-1762.
- **City Council Invites Public To Attend Informal Meetings** – At one of their recent meetings, members of the Romulus City Council followed the lead of their colleague, Councilman LeRoy Burcroff, and voted to begin holding informal public meetings on a monthly basis (from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, immediately prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting). The purpose of the meetings is to allow citizens to discuss their ideas and concerns with government representatives without being restricted to the three-minute time limit enforced at formal Council meetings. The next of these meetings is set for Monday, November 8, in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at the corner of Goddard). The public is encouraged to attend.
- **"An Evening of Swing"** – Tickets are now available for "An Evening of Swing" (featuring the County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International and The Pros, a 17-member, big-band orchestra), set for 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 13, at the Ypsilanti Marriot at Eagle Crest. Sit back and listen to music from the '30s and '40s, then get up and learn how to swing dance! Tickets (\$15 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under) are available on an advance basis only. Call Betty Williams at 734-480-8843.
- **"Person of the Year" Nominees Sought** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its annual "Person of the Year" award. Anyone who has made a significant contribution to the community is eligible. Nomination forms may be obtained by calling the Chamber office (734-326-4290). Deadline for return is Wednesday, December 1.
- **Attention, Class of 1950!** – Plans are in the works for the 50-year reunion of Romulus High School's Class of 1950. To find out more about how you can help plan this event, or to make suggestions about how it can be made the best reunion ever, call Donna (Rehkop) Genovese (734-941-0293) or Ruth (Stevenson) Meyers (734-941-0254), or contact Don Koza on line ([www.bilygoat.id.com](http://www.bilygoat.id.com)).

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,  
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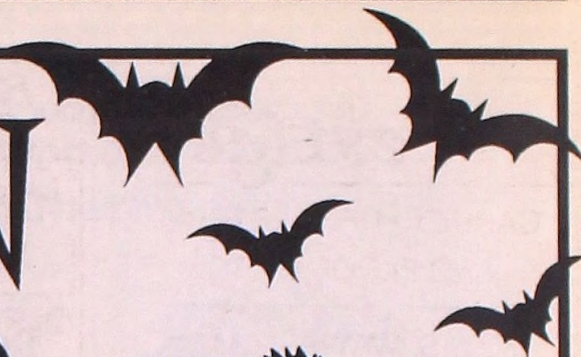
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# HALLOWEEN

## Safety Tips



### FOR KIDS

- Trick-or-Treat before dark.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Carry a flashlight so you can see and be seen easily.
- Visit homes that you know and that have the porch light on.
- A face mask may obstruct your vision; use makeup instead.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see, and be seen.
- Plan your Trick-or-Treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that are well lit.
- Trick-or-Treat with a parent, older brother, sister, or friends. Never travel alone.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. (Keep in mind that costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already open.
- Look LEFT, RIGHT, then LEFT AGAIN before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms. Cross *only* at corners.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)



### FOR PARENTS

- Your child should know his/her phone number and address.
- Dress children in shoes that fit. Large-size shoes make it easier to trip and fall.
- Limit the use of "weapons" as part of the costume. If you allow a weapon, be sure it is soft and flexible.
- When you inspect the treats, be sure they have not been tampered with and are safely sealed. Be careful with fruit, as punctures or holes are easily missed.



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## Free Hepatitis C Education Program

An estimated 3.9 million Americans have been infected with the Hepatitis C virus, a disease that can result in pain, fatigue, and chronic liver disease. To address this public health concern, the Oakwood Healthcare System will present a free educational program on Monday, November 1.

Presented by Dr. Nicholas Lekas (Chief of Infectious Diseases, Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center - Dearborn), the program will provide valuable insights into how Hepatitis C is spread, diagnosed, and treated; prevention information will also be discussed.

The most prevalent form of infection arises from contact with the blood of an infected individual, or with blood-contaminated objects such as syringes, tattoo needles, razors, or piercing instruments. It is also transferred through sexual contact, and from mother to child through pregnancy and birth.

Unlike the "A" and "B" strains, there is currently no vaccine for Hepatitis C.

"It is far more prevalent than most people realize," asserts Lekas. "Because it is a chronic disease, with a lengthy development process, potential victims can often go a long time before they realize they have contracted Hepatitis C, and by then much damage can already be done to the liver - damage that, in many cases, cannot be undone. An early education on the life-style risks involved in contracting the disease is key to its prevention."

This free program will be held on Monday, November 1, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in Conference Room D of the Adray Center at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center - Dearborn.

To register, call the Oakwood Health Line at 800-543-WELL.

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Oakwood's Hepatitis C program is part of the Oakwood Healthcare System, a comprehensive regional network, recently honored nationally as one of the top 100 cardiovascular hospitals. It provides services to more than 1.2 million people over 35 southeastern Michigan communities. □

## Flyers Football

### Despite Varsity, Freshmen Loss, Flyers Homecoming Was Festive Event

By John A. Wester

It was an overcast day on Saturday, October 9, when the Romulus Flyers played host to the Huron River Yellow Jackets in the Flyers' 1999 homecoming game.

#### Freshmen

In the freshmen contest, a solid Huron River team plus a muddy field equaled doom for Romulus, as the Yellow Jackets controlled the game from beginning to end.

The usually fleet Flyers were never able to mount much of an offense on the slippery playing surface, while their slower opponents pounded Romulus into submission. Bright spots in the otherwise disappointing 19-0 defeat were Aaron Rollins on offense and Michael Behnke on defense.

#### Junior Varsity

The junior-varsity contest gave new meaning to the phrase, "a game of inches."

With the mud still proving to be an overwhelming factor, neither team was able to score in the first quarter. In the second, the Flyers opened up their passing game and finally found success when Ahmaad Gambles hit Kenny Charles on a 55-yard touchdown pass midway through the quarter. Charles also scored the extra point when Travis Parker, who came off the bench to replace Gambles, connected with him. Minutes later, Romulus threatened to score again, but was halted at Huron's 15-yard line when the clock ran out.

For most of the second half, neither team was able to mount a serious drive. It wasn't until the game was nearly over, with about two minutes remaining in the fourth, that the Yellow Jackets would pose a threat by recovering a Romulus fumble on the Flyers' 25-yard line. On fourth down, with time running out, Huron attempted a pass that fell incomplete in Romulus' end zone, but a 15-yard "pass interference" call kept the Yellow Jackets alive at the Flyers' nine-yard line. On the next fourth down, with less than 10 seconds to go, Huron ran its final play from the Flyers' three-yard line. When referees cleared the pile-up, they discovered that the Yellow Jackets' runner had been stopped less than one inch from the Romulus goal line, and a 7-0 Flyers victory was preserved, bringing the team's overall record to 4-1 and keeping its playoff hopes alive.

Defensive leaders for the game were linebackers Gambles, Al Bright, and John Sandefur, who accounted for a total of 33 tackles.

#### Varsity

In the varsity contest, Romulus started out well, but couldn't hold on for the win.

Early in the first quarter, James Kendrick broke into a long run to put the Flyers in front, 6-0, but Huron quickly responded with a drive of its own and took an 8-6 lead. In the second, the yo-yo effect continued, with Romulus overtaking Huron, 13-8, on another Kendrick score, then yielding their advantage to the determined Yellow Jackets, who took a 16-13 lead into halftime.

In the second half, things did not go well for Romulus, as Huron was able to put up unanswered touchdowns in each of the third and fourth quarters, and the varsity team's homecoming was spoiled by a 30-13 loss.

#### Homecoming Festivities

One of the day's most enjoyable events was the pregame crowning ceremony for homecoming 1999's "royal couples." The honorees were:

- "mascot" king and queen - Kyle Linderman and Halie Laginess;
- "freshmen" king and queen - Deandre Brewer and Erin Bragg;
- "junior varsity" king and queen - Joshua Ray and Leslie Hayes; and
- "varsity" king and queen - Mendell Fickling and Lindsay Berergasy.

Also honored during the pregame ceremony was Thomas Kuderik, who received a brand-new mountain bike for being the Flyers' top performer in this year's fund-raising activities. □

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### These Kids Go the Extra Mile



Halecreek's physical-education teacher, Nancy Baziuk, is proud of first-graders Crystal Poet and Andra Stephens, whose respective times of 11:03 and 12:10 in "the mile" were best in their class.



# Flyers Football



Acting as the City's representative at the Flyers' homecoming celebration was Community Development Director Richard J. Marsh, Jr. (center), who took time to pose with members of the cheerleading squads and a few of their coaches: Diane Banks (left; JV head), Cathy Laginess (center; JV assistant), and Brenda Rundenza (right; freshmen head).



Kings and Queens of Homecoming 1999: (from left) Joshua Ray, Leslie Hayes, Deandre Brewer, Erin Bragg, Kyle Linderman, Halie Laginess, Lindsay Beregsasy, and Mendell Fickling.



The varsity football squad and its coaches, Glenn Carr (left; head) and Rick Foster (right; assistant), gave a valiant effort.



Also playing their hearts out were the members of the freshmen team.



The Romulus Flyers' Board of Directors: (back, from left) Dan Behnke, Tom Kuderik, John Wester, Glenn Carr, Debbie DeMoisey, Kelly Boner, (front, from left) Jeanette Behnke, Ellen Bragg, and Celeste Roscoe.



Bake Sale volunteers included: (from left) Robert Roscoe, Felisha Gray, Philip Roscoe, Kim Wells, and Debbie DeMoisey.



## Student Leaders

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On Friday afternoon, students attended the Adventure Challenge Course at the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, returned for dinner, enjoyed some free time, and then met as a large group back in the Media Center. The evening session focused on the formation of a Merriman School Community Service Club (which eventually held its first meeting on Wednesday, October 6). Students met in small groups to identify "problems" that they felt could be addressed in their school, neighborhood, and community through a community-service club.

The camp continued into the day on Saturday, September 25. By the closing session, an exhausted group of both youth and adults was amazed by the amount of fun and learning that occurred during the first Merriman School Sixth-grade Leadership Camp. □

## Cory Students Seek Blankets for the Homeless as Part of School Spirit Drive

Students at Cory Elementary are incorporating community service into their "school spirit" drive.

Under the leadership of Principal Phyllis Adkins and Reverend Rita Talley, parent coordinator, the school will be participating in the Blankets for the Homeless campaign sponsored annually by the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

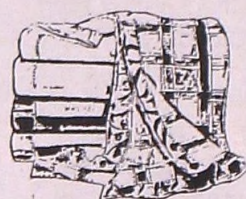
This year, especially because of potential Y2K glitches, the Red Cross is anticipating more power-outages and related problems than usual, so area shelters will need more blankets than ever to keep people warm.

Last year, 4,040 blankets were distributed to 74 different shelters.

This year, the need is anticipated to be more than 8,000.

Cory students, their families, and other members of the community can help the Red Cross meet its goal by taking new or "slightly snuggled" blankets to the school on Friday, October 22 (or during the week of October 25-29) and dropping them off in the main office.

For more information, call Cory Elementary School at 721-4757. □



## Answers

answers to puzzles from page 6

### CAN YOU GUESS WHO?

pancreas, arcade, meander, embassy, Locust, avoid, Knife, episode, reindeer, sedative, escape, yield

"(City Treasurer) Pamela Kersey"

### YOU'LL FIND IT IN . . .

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## REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 28, 1999, was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Bette M. Lenossi.

Roll call showed all members present. Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that the Agenda be amended to include Item VI. C. 1. "Bond Resolution" under Report of the Superintendent.

9/99/10 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

9/99/11 Moved by Lambert supported by McCraight to approve the Minutes of September 13, 1999, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Michael Hansen, Teacher, September 22, 1999; Kevin Cook, 2/5 Music Teacher, Effective September 14, 1999; and Delores Green, Teacher, Effective September 27, 1999.

9/99/12 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods that the Board accept the personnel recommendations as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

9/99/13 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Review of Election

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, reviewed the election results of September 27, 1999, with members of the Board of Education. The unofficial tally is as follows:

PROPOSAL A:	Yes: 743	No: 773
PROPOSAL B:	Yes: 761	No: 729
PROPOSAL C:	Yes: 776	No: 709
PROPOSAL D:	Yes: 883	No: 582

Dr. Bedell and Mr. Carr also thanked everyone for their hard work and effort in the successful passage of the millage and bond issue.

#### Bond Resolution

9/99/14 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert that the Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the Sum of not to exceed Thirty-Four Million One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$34,165,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

- erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to elementary schools and the high school;
- remodeling, refurbishing and re-equipping school buildings, including acquiring and installing educational technology system improvements;

- erecting, furnishing and equipping a new elementary school; and
- acquiring land for site purposes and developing and improving playgrounds, athletic and outdoor physical education fields and facilities and sites.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Curriculum - Summer School

Mesdames Gretchen Notaro, Lori Fritz, Kelly Knight and Marci Tomchick were present to update the Board of Education on the Summer School Program. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

#### Establishment of Tax Levy

9/99/15 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb that the Board of Education adopt the following levy for the 1999 winter tax collection:

ALL PROPERTY: 4.27 mills Debt; 3.00 mills State Tax.

HOMESTEAD: 4.41 mills Hold Harmless.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Fall Conference/New Organization

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, urged that as many Board members as possible attend the Statewide Board of Education Conference in Lansing October 21-24, 1999.

#### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Various members of the audience expressed their concerns and voiced their opinions to members of the Board of Education.

#### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) News Article on Romulus; 2) Article on Cory; 3) Musham Memo - MIOA Visit; 4) Lobbyist's Profile; 5) Gretchen Notaro "Thanks"; and 6) D-Day Counts.

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick asked if we had a company that checked the environment of the buildings each year as to air quality, etc.

Mrs. Eva Webb thanked Mr. Richard Kruse for all his hard work on the successful passage of the millage and bond issue.

#### Executive Session - Negotiations

9/99/16 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:58 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:55 P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

9/99/17 Moved by McCraight supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, the Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-942-6852.)

### Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of November: Mary Dalen, Maxine Goachee, Suzanne Hale, Edith Millward, Lula Newsome, Irene Nowakowski, and Norma Thompson.

### Spring Ahead; Fall Back

Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, October 31. When you go to bed on Saturday night, move your clocks back one hour.

### Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

The Romulus Fire Department reminds everyone that it's a good idea to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and clocks at the same time that you change the time settings on your clocks.

### Free Oil Change

The Romulus High School auto lab department will be offering free oil changes for senior citizens on Friday, November 19. This service, which will begin at 8 a.m., is by appointment only. Call the Center for more information.

### Breakfast with Basham

State Representative Ray Basham will be at the Romulus Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, October 25, to share breakfast and chat with senior citizens who have questions or concerns about issues related to our state's government.

Sign up at the Center.

### Crime Watch

Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 28, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces are always welcome.

### Bunko

The Romulus Senior Center is now hosting bunko games each Tuesday at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### Ceramics Resumes

Instructor Doll Wands reminds everyone that her ceramics classes meet at the Center each Monday at 1 and 6 p.m. All are welcome.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

(Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Biloxi & New Orleans** (November 7-13; \$499);
- **"Soaring Eagle Casino"/Mt. Pleasant** (November 16; \$21);
- **"Mystery Tour"** (November 17; \$55);
- **"The Living Bible" Wax Museum/Mansfield, Ohio** (November 30; \$63);
- **"Festival of Lights"/Battle Creek** (December 6; \$52); and
- **Radio City Rockettes/Fox Theatre** (December 10; \$79).

### Exercise/Toning

The Senior Center invites you to drop in at any of its free toning/stretching/aerobic exercise classes, which are held on Mondays and Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Fridays at 9:15 a.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Please note: The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

### Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations must be made by 2 p.m. the day before.

Call 942-6852 during the Center's normal business hours.

### Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Preregistration (weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required.

### Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. □

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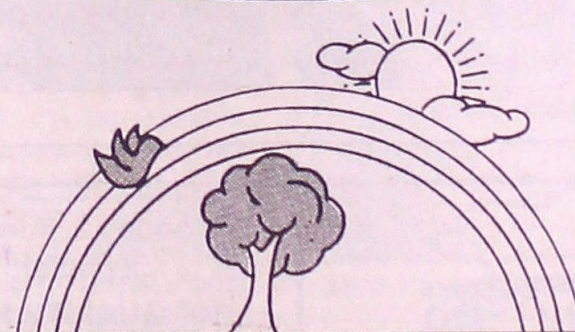
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## Just Married

### David and Mechelle (Leduc) Bernard

Congratulations to David Lowell and Mechelle Renee (Leduc) Bernard, who were married Sunday, August 15, 1999.

The couple exchanged their wedding vows at Congregation Beth Shalom in Southfield. Standing up with David were groomsmen Michael Bernard, Gene Maliy, and Thomas Leduc; attending Mechelle were bridesmaids Judy Jergovich, Robin Bernard, and Elizabeth Leduc.

A reception, also held at Congregation Beth Shalom, immediately followed the ceremony.

After a honeymoon in Montreal, the couple settled down to live in Southfield.

Mechelle graduated from Romulus High School in 1989. After earning her

Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1994, she went on to study Library and Information Science at Wayne State University, receiving a Master's degree in 1996.

David – a 1987 graduate of Southfield's Lathrup High School – received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University, James Madison College of Law, in 1991, then continued his education at the University of Minnesota, where he earned his law degree in 1994.

Currently, Mechelle is working as the Records Management Coordinator at Jewish Family Services in Southfield. David is employed at MSX International in Detroit. □

## Appeals Court Overturns EDS Injunction

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"In October, 1993, I, along with Romulus City Councilpersons William Wadsworth, Randolph Gear, Mary Ann Banks, Ellis Pennington, Peter Bergeron and Russell Lambert . . . voted, at the urging of Mayor McAnally, to sue EDS as a means to 'buy time' until after the election, which was scheduled to be held about two weeks later," Raspberry stated in a sworn affidavit. "At the time we voted, we did not believe that EDS had violated any of Romulus' ordinances. . . . After the election we intended to settle with EDS and allow the well to operate.

"Now, looking back, I realize it was a terrible mistake. The lawsuit was filed for purely political reasons – to temporarily satisfy the anti-well protestors and assure our own re-election's [sic] to the City Council. The issue of zoning had nothing to do with it," he added.

Despite the Council's alleged original intentions, the City continued to pursue its lawsuit after the election, and eventually secured a permanent injunction against EDS in the courtroom of then-Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Claudia Morcom, who ruled that the State could not preempt the City's enforcement of its zoning laws. The Court of Appeals overturned her decision on October 15, 1999.

"It's been a long, hard struggle but, finally, we've been vindicated," Wicklund said of the decision.

Although the EDS chief is ecstatic about the Court of Appeals ruling, he expressed regret concerning the events that led up to it.

"Because Romulus' elected officials allowed political ambitions to cloud their better judgment, *everyone* has suffered," Wicklund said. "As a result of their actions, City coffers have been drained, the City has forfeited the opportunity to reap an estimated \$500,000 in annual royalty payments, and families and friends in that close-knit community have been torn apart. In addition, EDS . . . has sustained irreparable financial losses."

Wicklund says that he and his partners have yet to decide whether they will appeal the dismissal of their counter-suit seeking \$100 million in restitution and damages. Nor is it known whether the Council will pursue an appeal of the preemption ruling.

"The City Council will meet in executive session prior to its meeting on Monday, October 25," said Romulus Mayor William Oakley. "At that time, the lawyers will tell us what our options are, and we'll go from there."

Councilman LeRoy Burcroff has not yet decided whether he will vote to appeal.

"I still haven't seen the Appeals Court ruling or talked with our attorneys, so I don't have enough information to form an opinion," said Burcroff.

Councilman Wadsworth, however, has already made up his mind.

"It's a very said day for Romulus, and if hazardous waste ever does flow here, it will be an even sadder day," Wadsworth commented. "The residents of Romulus deserve better.

"It's this councilman's position that we should continue to fight EDS," he added.

Romulus resident Dolores Witzgall has equally strong convictions – but in the other direction.

"I can't believe that the City would even consider an appeal," said the former co-chairperson of VOTES (Voice of Taxpayers for Efficient Spending). "All three of the appellate judges have decided in favor of EDS. How likely is it that such a strong ruling could be reversed? But, I won't be surprised if the City's attorneys tell the Council that there is a good chance of winning a new appeal. Why shouldn't they? They're not footing the bill for this; we are. We have already wasted well over a million dollars in legal fees that have gone directly into their pockets. That's money that could have been spent on any number of improvements in City services or facilities. It might even have been a nice down-payment on the recreation facility that Romulus voters just refused to finance.

"All we can hope is that our elected officials will decide to be fiscally responsible and say, 'enough is enough.'"

Council could make its decision as early as Monday, October 25, when it convenes its regular public meeting at 7:30 p.m., just after its executive session with City attorneys. □



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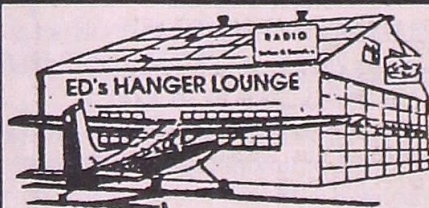
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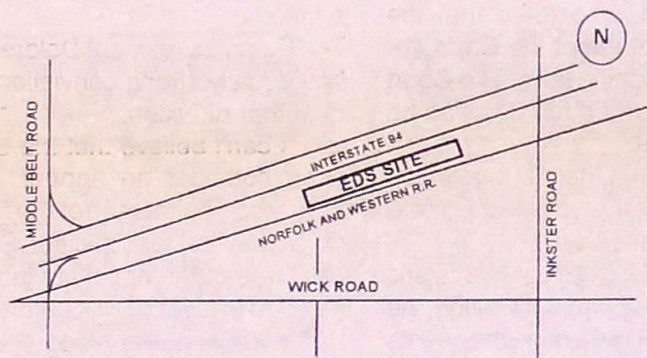
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Michigan's Hazardous Waste Site Review Board (SRB) hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held on Monday, November 29, 1999, to receive comments on the proposed Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) hazardous waste management facility.

EDS submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a permit to construct a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility at 28470 Citrin Drive in Romulus, Michigan. The application was submitted to satisfy the requirements under Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451).

The proposed facility would accept liquid hazardous waste from off-site generators for disposal in deep injection wells. Prior to disposal in the deep injection wells, the wastes would be stored in tanks and containers and treated in tanks. The site for the proposed facility is approximately 15 acres in size and is shown on the map below:



The Part 111 of Act 451 construction permit application is for the storage and treatment of hazardous wastes prior to disposal in the deep injection wells. The deep injection wells have already been permitted under the federal Underground Injection Control Program and under Part 625, Mineral Wells, of Act 451; they are not subject to the Part 111 of Act 451 construction permit requirements.

The DEQ completed its review of the application and referred it to the SRB for consideration in August 1999. The SRB must evaluate the potential impact that the proposed facility could have on the environment and on the local community. After completing its review, the SRB must recommend whether the DEQ should issue or deny the construction permit.

The purpose of the public hearing is to give the public an opportunity to contribute issues for the SRB to consider during its evaluation of the proposal. Both oral and written comments will be accepted during the hearing. Speakers will be asked to register at the hearing and to limit their presentations to accommodate everyone who is interested in speaking. In addition, written comments can be submitted to the address below. To ensure consideration during this part of the review, the written comments must be post-marked no later than December 14, 1999.

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus High School Auditorium, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this hearing should contact Mr. Steve Sliver at the address below, or at 517-373-1976, at least a week in advance of the hearing to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

The application may be reviewed at the Romulus Public Library located at 11121 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan; at the DEQ's Southeast Michigan District Office located at 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan (contact Ms. Bonnie Pawloske at 734-953-1408); and at the DEQ's Waste Management Division Office located on the First Floor of the John A. Hannah Building, 608 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan (contact Mr. Steve Sliver at 517-373-1976).

Requests, comments, and questions regarding the application and review process should be addressed to Mr. Steve Sliver, Waste Management Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

## Obituary

### Barbara A. (Melton) Messer

Barbara A. (Melton) Messer of Romulus, Michigan, died Monday, October 11, 1999, at the age of 59.

Barbara was born in Gaffney, South Carolina, on August 22, 1940.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Hoyer (Marianne) Jones (Romulus, MI), and three grandchildren.

Among those predeceasing her

were her husband, Bobby; a daughter, Theresa; and one brother.

A funeral service was held Thursday, October 14, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend William Kren (of Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI). □

## The Stork Arrived

### Johnathan Trevor Dolencic

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Johnathan Trevor Dolencic, are John and Stacie Dolencic of New Boston, Michigan.

Born in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center (Wayne, MI) at 12:19 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 1999, he weighed 10 pounds, nine ounces, and measured 23½ inches.

Johnathan's paternal grandfather is John Dolencic (Romulus, MI). Darryl and Sharon Zilka (Romulus, MI) are his maternal grandparents. □



Johnathan Trevor Dolencic

### Anna Elizabeth Hardy

Chris and Julie Hardy of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Anna Elizabeth Hardy.

Anna was born in University of Michigan Hospital (Ann Arbor, MI) at 2:11 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 1999, weighing in at eight pounds, five ounces, and measuring 20½ inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was big sister Kayla, age 3½.

Anna's paternal grandparents are John and Maureen O'Farrell (Onsted, MI). Chuck and Karen Shonta (Romulus, MI) are her maternal grandparents.



Anna Elizabeth Hardy

### Stephen Anthony Maupin

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Stephen Anthony Maupin, are Stephen and Tiffany Maupin of Romulus, Michigan.

Named for his father and a beloved cousin, the late Anthony James Kane, Stephen was born in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (Ypsilanti, MI) at 2:40 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 1999, weigh-

ing eight pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 21 inches.

He joins his brothers, Justin (10½) and Shane (17 months), at home.

Stephen's paternal grandparents are Dionne Shirley Maupin (Romulus, MI) and the late Shelby Maupin. Sid and Karen Boughton (South Lyon, MI) are his maternal grandparents. □



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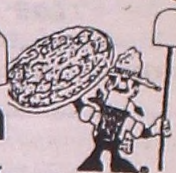
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